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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY SENATOR ADLEY

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Requests the chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security to receive proposals on stopping the Deepwater Horizon oil leak and on the cleanup of such leak, and to forward such proposals to the appropriate state agency for analysis.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To urge and request the chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and 3 the House Select Committee on Homeland Security to receive proposals on stopping 4 the Deepwater Horizon oil leak and on the cleanup of such leak, and to forward such 5 proposals to the appropriate state agency for analysis. 6 WHEREAS, some fifty miles off the Louisiana coast, the Deepwater Horizon drilling 7 rig experienced a massive and deadly explosion and fire on April 20, 2010, that resulted in 8 eleven deaths, before sinking and leaking oil into the Gulf of Mexico; and 9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that over seventy-five million gallons of oil have already 10 leaked into the Gulf of Mexico, far exceeding the eleven million gallons of oil that resulted 11 from the Exxon Valdez disaster; and WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon oil leak is the worst oil leak in Louisiana and 12 13 United States history and is the worst environmental disaster the Unites States has faced; and WHEREAS, in response to the oil leak, British Petroleum ("BP") has tried for over 14 fifty days to stop oil from spewing into the Gulf of Mexico; and 15 WHEREAS, BP has tried to stop the oil by using: (1) a containment dome to cover 16 the leak and funnel the oil to the surface, which was unsuccessful, (2) an insertion tube to 17 18 pump oil to the surface, which at best appears to be capturing only about twenty percent of

1	the oil, (3) the "top kill" method in which viscous drilling fluid is pumped into the leak,
2	which was unsuccessful, and (4) the lower marine riser package cap containment system,
3	which required cutting off the damaged riser pipe at the top of the failed blow-out preventer,
4	and this procedure has been successful to some degree but it has not completely stopped the
5	leak; and
6	WHEREAS, the efforts of BP have thus far failed to protect the Gulf Coast,
7	especially the coastline, marshes, and estuaries of Louisiana, and its citizens and businesses,
8	and has resulted in an economic crisis for this state, its citizens and businesses; and
9	WHEREAS, BP has established a phone number to allow citizens to submit
10	alternative response technology, services, products or ideas for the oil leak; and
11	WHEREAS, BP has received over sixty-six thousand phone calls and another ten
12	thousand e-mails with ideas on stopping the oil leak and enhancing cleanup operations; and
13	WHEREAS, after hearing complaints that BP was not responding to solicitations, the
14	federal government established its own "suggestion box"; and
15	WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard's Research and Development Center is
16	now tasked with the duty to gather and disseminate ideas about dealing with the oil leak and
17	cleanup; and
18	WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard receives the idea and then decides which
19	federal agency is best able to analyze the idea; and
20	WHEREAS, BP is working with the United States Coast Guard in sorting through
21	all ideas received by either of them; and
22	WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
23	Preparedness has established a separate "idea" pipeline at the Business Emergency
24	Operations Center housed at Louisiana State University to receive ideas for easing the oil
25	crisis; and
26	WHEREAS, constituents and businesses are also sending ideas and suggestions on
27	a daily basis to members of the Legislature; and
28	WHEREAS, delays in considering and testing ideas that could prove valuable in
29	cleanup and prevention of further harm have resulted in widespread frustration and anger;
30	and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Legislature to assist in the consideration and testing of potentially valuable ideas and suggestions.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security to receive proposals on stopping the Deepwater Horizon oil leak and on the cleanup of such leak, and to forward such proposals to the appropriate state agency for analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairmen are authorized to request such assistance as may be deemed necessary from entities in the legislative branch, including the Legislative Resource Center which has been activated, entities in the executive branch of state government, and institutions of higher education to analyze any submitted proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

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